



## CSEM director receives award, honor

On Tuesday, Aug. 16, Winston-Salem State University faculty and top administrators gathered for the annual Faculty Award and Sponsored Programs Banquet.

The event celebrated the achievements of faculty and staff engaged in exceptional teaching and the scholarly endeavors of sponsored research and programming.

Over 80 faculty received awards in teaching, research and service. The event was put off last year because of COVID, so many faculty received awards bestowed from 2021.

Dr. Richardson won the “Researcher of the Year” for 2021, and was also inducted into the Red Jacket Society. All inductees have raised over \$1 million dollars in research grants. To date, during Richardson’s time as founding director of CSEM, the amount has exceeded \$2.5 million, a donation from the Thurgood Marshall College Fund, Charles Koch Foundation and Koch Industries. Participants are given bright red sportscoats, emblazoned with a WSSU logo on the front pocket.

“This is a surprising and humbling honor, that I share with the CSEM team,” said Dr. Richardson.

“Together, we have not only studied problems, we have been a catalyst for solving them right here in Forsyth County. I am grateful, especially to the Office of Sponsored Programs, as well as all the other administrators who make sure our center runs effectively and help us generate future funds for CSEM.”